 Grade: Third Rubric for Opinion Writing

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|  |  | **Exceeding Standard**  **(4)** | **At Standard**  **(3)** | **Approaching Standard**  **(2)** | **Below Standard**  **(1)** |
| Writing Type: Opinion | W3.1a | I have stated my opinion clearly and it catches the reader’s attention. | My opinion is clearly stated. | I have stated my opinion but the reader is confused. | My opinion is missing or changes. |
| W3.1a | My topic is clear and I elaborated on it throughout the whole paper. | My topic is clearly stated. | My topic is not clearly understood by the reader. | My topic is unclear or changes. |
| W3.1b | I gave 3 or more detailed reasons to support my opinion and used my own words. | I gave 3 or more reasons that support my opinion in my own words. | I gave 1 or 2 reasons to support my opinion. | I lack reasons and/or they do not support my opinion. |
| W3.1c | Meets the requirements for a level 3. | I used a variety of linking words for each reason to connect reasons with my opinion (i.e. because, therefore, since, for example). | I used the same linking words each time. | I did not use linking words. |
| W3.1a | Meets the requirements for a level 3. | My ideas are in a logical order | Some of my ideas are in a logical order. | My ideas are not in a logical order. |
| W3.1d | My conclusion paragraph is written clearly and restates the main idea. | My conclusion sentence is clearly stated. | I have a conclusion sentence but could use more detail. | My writing ends suddenly and a conclusion sentence is missing. |
| Organization and Conventions | W3.4 | Meets the requirements for a level 3. | I indented all of my paragraphs. | I indented some of my paragraphs. | I did not indent and / or my writing is one huge paragraph. |
| L3.1i  L3.2g | I went beyond third grade level sentence structure.  Met the requirements for a level 3. | I used complete sentences and included compound or complex sentences.  I used correct capitalization and ending punctuation. | Some sentences are incomplete and / or I mostly used simple sentences.  I use some capitalization and ending punctuation. | All sentences are simple sentences and are incomplete.  I am missing correct capitalization and ending punctuation on the majority of my sentences. |
| L3.2e-f | I went beyond correct spelling of third grade level words and shows that I proofread my work. | I used spelling patterns and my writing shows that I proofread my work. | I attempted to use spelling patterns but shows that I proofread very little. | I did not use spelling patterns and my writing shows that I did not proofread. |
|  | L3.2a | Meets the requirements for a level 3. | I used capital letters correctly. (proper nouns, names, start of sentences) | I used some capital letters correctly. (proper nouns, names, start of sentences) | Very few capital letters in proper nouns, names, or at start of sentences. |